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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Retail and food service movement was slow to fairly good, mostly fair at best. Supplies were readily available with heavier weights often in the longest position. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair with needs being carefully examined. Supplies were readily available for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/15/01-10/20/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		LOADS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.50-55.00	54.38	17	61.78	53
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.23	46	55.06	86
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.63	21
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	63.65	13
Denver	70.50	70.44	17	68.96	20
Detroit	52.00-53.00	53.86	14	58.19	42
Los Angeles	71.00	69.10	71	67.00	124
New York	52.00-54.00	53.04	27	56.17	56
Philadelphia	51.00-52.00	51.80	10	52.57	27
Pittsburgh	51.00-52.50	52.20	10	58.99	55
St. Louis	52.50	52.16	16	54.70	33
San Francisco	71.50	70.60	29	72.39	64

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/15/01	Change/Last Wk	10/08/01	10/16/00
594	60.43	-0.26	60.69	57.18

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-64.00	63.28	53
Central	54.00-61.00	58.24	70
West	55.00-65.50	60.89	43

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	64.00-66.00	65.22	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,129	50.00-67.00	64.08

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	207.50	1,463
BREASTS - B/S	138.50	4,903
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.00	1,333
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00	805
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	9,638
WINGS	102.50	3,254

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was no better than moderate with limited trading. Supplies were more than sufficient for light trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was minimal. Availability for all items was adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light to fair as dealers remained cautious and unaggressive. Offerings ranged adequate to ample with 3-pound and heavier sizes readily available and slow in clearing. Movement through retail and distributive channels only fair at best. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Wings were available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices however new negotiations at mixed levels with smaller weights at somewhat higher prices. Offerings adequate to ample with heavy weights in the longest position and often discounted. Retail demand moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported parts trading: leg quarters bulk 34.5-36 and 4/10s generally 36.5, breasts bone-in 70-74.5 and boneless 120-125. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .85 to 55.72 with the volume reported down 3 percent to 29 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged to lower with Ohio cities TFEWR. The undertone for whole birds was steady to barely steady. Offerings of additional product were not as prevalent as last week. Demand ranged slow to fairly good, mostly fair at best. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Sizes were generally desirable. Parts trading was limited to fill in business. Supplies were adequate on all items. The tone was steady to barely steady on wings and dark meat, about steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample in most instances, and were more readily available on the 3.0 pound and heavier sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processings schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, volumes available generally varied from plant to plant, however, all cuts were fully sufficient for the light to fair and mostly selective inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.71
NO. OF BOXES	13,114

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market and attempted to keep floorstocks balanced. Offerings of breast items ranged adequate to ample and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Leg items were more than sufficient for trade needs. Wings were readily available and slow in clearing. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to no better than fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings; no better than steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130		136.16	493,452
TENDERLOINS	140		145.68	156,079
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61		68.06	369,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	60		60.01	130,800
LEGS	43-44		48.08	214,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33-34		34.14	534,052
DRUMSTICKS	41-42		47.78	146,420
THIGHS	37-38		46.92	138,500
B/S THIGHS	89-90		93.42	59,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	97-98		108.20	369,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.14	90,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50		39.76	119,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	-		54.92	152,760

NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,214	115.00-134.00	125-130	124.43
TENDERLOINS	97	130.00-253.00	-	186.61
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50	82.50-82.75	-	82.63
FRONT HALVES	560	56.00-68.00	56-58	58.36
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	127	30.00-32.50	-	30.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,007	30.00-34.00	32.5-33	32.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	167	66.00-102.00	82-85	83.16
DRUMSTICKS	65	38.00-45.50	-	40.87
THIGHS	1,941	32.00-39.00	-	33.00

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/15	10/11	10/11	10/08	10/04
ALA	4,038	4,021	5.05	3,919	5.06
ARK	5,351	4,896	5.07	5,042	4.92
DELMARVA	2,239	2,288	4.88	2,325	4.94
KY-LA-TN	1,990	2,028	4.62	1,991	4.57
MISS	2,862	2,866	5.08	2,806	5.04
NC	2,532	2,617	5.92	2,491	5.98
TEXAS	2,402	2,425	4.90	2,377	4.99
TOTAL	21,414	21,141	5.09	20,951	5.07
MON	21,414 (A)			20,951 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Oct 2001 is estimated to be 32,038,000 up 1.91 percent from a week ago and up 3.95 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,439,000, last year 30,821,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	963	115.00-191.00	130-135	134.17
TENDERLOINS	190	135.00-250.00	135-140	152.26
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	130	39.00-57.00	40-42	41.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	30.00-35.00	30-31	30.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	32.00-37.00	33-34	33.36
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	100.00-106.00	-	104.63
WINGS (CUT)	505	109.00-128.00	109-112	114.76
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 15, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 50.00	46.45	46.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 15-OCT-2001 TO 19-OCT-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 132.00	125.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 81.00	64.00 - 70.00
LEGS	42.00 - 52.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 38.00	32.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	38.00 - 51.00	-
THIGHS	35.00 - 51.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	86.00 - 116.00	94.00 - 100.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 61.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	83-102
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	87-109
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	87-89
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	97-105
	ICE PACK	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 12-OCT-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	19.00	-	160,000	-	
WTD AVERAGE	19.00				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	16.50-19.00	16.00-18.00	702,000	212,000	
WTD AVERAGE	16.72	17.36			
15-20%					
RANGE	12.75-17.50	11.00-16.00	1,300,280	714,000	
WTD AVERAGE	14.93	13.15			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	15.00	-	16,00	-	
WTD AVERAGE	15.00				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 12-OCTP-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	-	-	-	-	
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	-	16.00	81,600	-	
WTD AVERAGE		16.00			
15-20%					
RANGE	15.00-16.50	11.00-16.00	1,288,080	92,800	
WTD AVERAGE	15.31	13.93			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	-	-	-	
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were showing some improvement with overall movement at least moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-OCT-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-11.25	8.5-9	8.70

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-OCT-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-10.5	8-9	8.38
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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